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Opportunities to Volunteer for Bedford's Town Government Committees

The Town of Bedford has a variety of opportunities for volunteers. The vacancies correspond with many areas of expertise and/or interest; however, professional experience is neither a requirement nor a necessity for appointment. At this time, residents are needed to serve on the several different Town government committees, including:

Arbor Resource
Conservation Commission
Cultural Council
Historic District Commission (Alternate)
Housing (Fair, Affordable, Partnership)
Land Acquisition
Patriotic Holiday
Trails
Wilson Mill Park Planning
Youth & Family Services
Zoning Board of Appeals (Associate)

A description of many of these committees is listed in the Town's Bylaws found at

www.bedfordma.gov under "Publications – Charter and General Bylaws."

Terms of office vary from one to three years. Most committees meet monthly in the evening. Residents who would like to volunteer on a Town government committee are encouraged to visit any meeting of the committee(s) that interests them. Contact information for the committee membership, responsibilities, and its schedule and location of meetings are available from the office of the Town Manager at 781-275-1111, or from Volunteer Coordinating Committee Chair Dawn Theodore at 781-275-9243.

The process for appointment to Selectmen-appointed committees includes filling out a Volunteer Questionnaire (available from the Selectmen's Office at 781-275-1111 and printable online at www.bedfordma.gov), and visiting at least one meeting of the committee that interests you. Committee schedules and names of members are available by calling the office of the Town Manager at 781-275-1111, or Volunteer Coordinating Committee Chair Dawn Theodore at 781-275-9243.

Volunteering in any organization has its rewards and challenges. The reasons for volunteering are as many as there are volunteers. Here are a few:

- Learn more about your community
- Meet people
- Watch your ideas get implemented
- Be aware of important events in town
- Take charge of a project
- Add to your resume
- Help guide your community

Any Bedford resident who is a registered voter is **encouraged** to consider this opportunity.

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